

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks. Claims 1-24 are currently pending in this application, of which claims 1 and 13 are independent. In the Office Action dated March 19, 2007, the Examiner rejected claims 1-10 and 13-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 7,000,187 ("*Messinger*") and rejected claims 11, 12, 23, and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over *Messinger* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,061,695 ("*Slivka*").

In response, Applicants have amended independent claims 1 and 13 to more particularly define the claimed invention. No new subject matter has been added. Support for the amendments may be found, for example, at page 16, paragraph 68, at page 19, paragraph 76, and at page 20, paragraph 79. Applicants submit that amended claims 1 and 13 and their respective dependent claims 2-12 and 14-17 overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) and 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

Specifically, amended claims 1 and 13 recite, among other things, that "content of the user interface and patterns with respect to screen structure and semantics of the user interface are constructed based on a role of the user." As explained in Applicants' disclosure, "a user's role refers to his position or responsibilities," for example, in an organization. (See Applicants' Disclosure, page 9, paragraph 47). A user interface generated based on the user's role may include one or more quick activity floorplans (e.g., the floorplans shown in FIG. 5). The floorplans may provide patterns with respect to screen structure and semantics on the user interface. In other words, the floorplans

define specific layouts of the various interface elements (i.e., windows) on the screen. Both the structure and content of the floorplans are determined based on the user's role. (See Applicants' disclosure at page 16, paragraph 68, at page 19, paragraph 76, and at page 20, paragraph 79). In this way, the role-based determination of the disclosed embodiments goes beyond access permission-based determination to generate a user interface that "provides information to the user based on tasks and events that the user needs to accomplish or monitor." (See Applicants' Disclosure, at page 8, paragraph 46).

Applicants submit that *Messenger* fails to anticipate the invention of amended claims 1 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) at least because it fails to show or suggest "content of the user interface and patterns with respect to screen structure and semantics of the user interface are constructed based on a role of the user." In particular, *Messenger* refers to an application having various control interfaces in which a selectable task list is coupled to a GUI window. (See Col. 5, lines 58-65.) *Messenger* merely mentions that the task list may be modified "as a function of the user's network privileges," which is "preferably implemented by restricting the display of tasks by a password privilege." (See Col. 3, lines 34-37.) Nowhere in *Messenger* is it shown or suggested that both the structure, including patterns with respect to screen structure and semantics, and content of the user interface are constructed based on a role of the user.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that at least because *Messenger* fails to show or suggest each and every feature of amended independent claims 1 and 13, amended

claims 1 and 13 are not anticipated by *Messinger* under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). Applicants also submit that because *Messinger* is exclusively relied on in the rejections of dependent claims 11, 12, 23, and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) to show the elements incorporated into these claims through their dependency on the independent claims, claims 11, 12, 23, and 24 are also not obvious for at least the above reasons.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants submit that this claimed invention, as amended, is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious in view of the prior art references cited against this application. Applicants therefore request the Examiner's reconsideration and reexamination of the application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

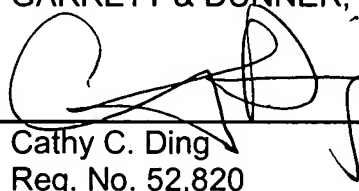
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